The removal of all restrains on Handloom and Cottage industry products and the exceptional flexibilities provided in the agreement, would help increased access of our garment and textile products to the E.C.

**Revival of sick textile mills in Tamil Nadu**

1222. SHRI K. K. VEERAPPAN:
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the actions taken or proposed to be taken to revive the sick textile mills in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of workers affected by the closure of some textile mills in Tamil Nadu;

(c) what are the remedial action taken by the Central Government to revive the said mills and rehabilitate the workers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) As on 31-1-95, 24 Cotton|Man-made Fibre Textile Mills were reported to be colsed which affected 11,307 workers in Tamil Nadu. Government have taken a number of steps to revive the sick|closed textile mills, such as setting up of Board for industrial Reconstruction (BIFR) to avolve and manage rehabilitation package in respect of sick|viable textile mill. Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) has been set-up to give interim relief to the workers of permanent|partialy closed textile mills.

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(**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair)

**PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE**

**I. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the National Handloom Development Corporation United, Lucknow and related papers.**

**II. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Apparel Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.**

**III. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, New Delhi and related papers.**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Madam on behalf of SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-sention (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Eleventh Annual Report and Accounts of the National Handdoom Development Corporation Limited, Lucknow, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6945/95]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Apparel Export Promotion Council New Delhi, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.